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25X1 [] and had asked questions including the admonition that if were too highly classified he did not want to press the matter. He did ask a Colonel Shelton (?) to whom he reported and the response was that he reported to Washington.

25X1A 6. Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, called and asked if we had any recommendations as to commercial firms which might be in a position to translate and transcribe the testimony of an individual whom the Subcommittee wished to interview. This individual speaks Spanish. He also asked if we could provide any assistance since this individual was one whose testimony might be of interest to us. After checking with Mr. [] Mr. Mandel was advised that unless we had information on which we could justify taking our people off of priority jobs, we did not feel we could be of assistance. In addition, we had no experience on which to base a recommendation as to private firms.

7. Mr. Norman I. Gelman on Senator George A. Smathers' Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee called to say that they were scheduling a briefing for Senator Smathers' group in the Senator's office at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 11 January 1960. State Department and Import-Export Bank representatives are expected to participate. Mr. Gelman asked if we could be present at this time to discuss the political situation in Latin America. He was advised that we would check on this and be back in touch with him.



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